

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Donald Stout on 5-12-06.

, Line 8 IDC-E1, AMD

~~The application has been amended as follows: in claim 8 after "conveying" add -by changing the configuration of the path of travel of the transport crates on the conveyor.-.~~

*claim  
8 line 8  
VPH  
6.20.06*

~~The following amendment was not authorized by the attorney. In each of claims 16-23 in line 2, after "a" add ☒ -first- -. In line 14 of each of claims 16-23 after "a" add ☒ -second- - and in line 16 of each of claims 16-23 after "which" add ☒ -second- -.~~

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the limitations of "and where the transport crates and animals, are conveyed successively by means of conveyors through a stunning chamber, wherein an influence of the gas for stunning the animals is adjusted while the animals are within the stunning gas by shortening or lengthening a conveying time during which the animals travel within the stunning gas and adjusting a length of conveying by changing the configuration of the path of travel of the transport crates on the conveyor within the stunning gas within the transport crates through the stunning chamber...- - in claim 8 all are not found in the prior art of record.